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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby timely respond to the election of species requirement in the Office Action dated March 28, 2001.

RESPONSE

To advance prosecution and without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants elect a species in which there is a first hapten associated with bacteria or cancer, a second hapten associated with bacteria or cancer, and a nucleic acid which is single- and/or double-stranded DNA. Claims 1-23 read on the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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